

Please rewrite claim 12 as follows:

12. (Once amended) A communications system, comprising:

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- a) a plurality of communications units fixedly mounted onboard an airplane, each of said communications units being adapted to be operated by an associated passenger to perform scanning functions, whereby each of said communications units comprises a scanner adapted to scan a document provided by said associated passenger and display a scanned image of said document on a video screen;
 - b) at least one processor operatively connected to said scanner and said video screen; and
 - c) at least one remote connection device adapted to connect each of said communications units to a remote location.

Please rewrite claim 21 as follows:

21. (Once amended) A communications system, comprising:

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- a) a plurality of communications units fixedly mounted onboard an airplane, each of said communications units being adapted to be operated by an associated passenger to perform digital image viewing and scanning functions, whereby each of said communications units comprises:
 - i) at least one receiver adapted to receive image data input by said associated passenger from a digital camera and display said image data on a video screen; and
 - ii) a scanner adapted to scan a document provided by said associated passenger and display a scanned image of said document on a video screen;

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- b) at least one processor operatively connected to said at least one receiver, said scanner, and said video screen; and
- c) at least one remote connection device adapted to connect said communications units to a remote location.

Please rewrite claim 22 as follows:

22. (Once amended) A communications system, comprising:

- a) a plurality of communications units fixedly mounted onboard an airplane, each of said communications units comprising:

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- i) at least one receiver adapted to receive image data input by an associated passenger from a digital camera and display said image data on a video screen; and
 - ii) a scanner adapted to scan a document provided by an associated passenger and display a scanned image of said document on a video screen; and
- b) at least one processor operatively connected to said at least one receiver, said scanner, and said video screen.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 12, 21 and 22 have been amended. Claims 2-11 and 13-20 remain in the application unchanged. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated 10/03/02, claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hildebrandt et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,774,514 (hereinafter "Hildebrandt et al. '514") in view of Allen et al., U.S. Patent